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Comments: I am writing to voice my support for the Vail Golden Peak Expansion Project.

As a member of Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, I am aware that the number of athletes in the club has grown dramatically over the years, and with Vail Resorts' utilization of Main Arena for events (notably the Burton U.S. Open), there is an acute need for additional training space. The most important components of the planned development include a surface lift located above the terrain park at the Chair 6 mid-station to the top of Golden Peak with two trails on either side of approximately 180 vertical meters and 60 meters in width. One trail will have a connector to link to the top of the current giant slalom start. There a third trail planned off the top, which can be later developed as a downhill but the two trails immediately adjacent to the proposed lift will make a dramatic difference in training space and quality.

During periods of higher congestion there is a demonstrated need for additional training space, which would be beneficial in providing a safer training environment, especially for our younger athletes. There is widely recognized benefit in having a quick turnaround where the lift is exactly the length of the training courses. The additional lift and trails at a higher elevation (roughly 9,300-10,000 vertical feet) may provide greater certainty of early season training and allow our athletes to train here at Vail later in the season, which could have a positive impact on reducing costs of ski camps.

With Vail Resorts long history of responsible stewardship of our natural resources, I believe that this use of National Forest land is precisely what is intended.

Thank you,

Terry Miller